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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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SANCTIFIED 3 TIMES

By Rev. R. S. Beal, D. D., Pastor First Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification . . ." (I Thess. 4:3). I take this passage of Scripture as a gateway through which we may pass into the flower garden and fruit orchard of a beautiful doctrine. For some reason many of God's children have been led to believe this is a subject which they should avoid. While it is true that many have perverted it and much fanaticism centers about it, nevertheless, sanctification is mentioned many times in Scripture and needs to be given careful consideration.

The importance of the doctrine of sanctification is evidenced by the fact that it stands connected with the will of God. In the eighteenth verse of this same chapter we read again concerning the will of God, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18). Sanctification and thanksgiving are two things which the Apostle Paul declares God definitely wills for His people. It is not His law which is emphasized but His will and this is worthy of every possible consideration. Since our sanctification is willed by our heavenly Father, we must strive to understand the doctrine and then experience it.

God's will is always best, and should be supreme in the desires of all of those who profess to be His children. Paul wrote, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom 12:2). Here is a description of the will of God and with this in view nothing which God wills for us can be wrong.

The word "sanctification" stands for a profound Bible truth and is one of the finest in the Christian's vocabulary. It stands for a very important Bible revelation and touches upon some of the most

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Dr. R. S. Beal, D.D.

Can We Believe the Claims of the Bible?

By Evangelist John R. Rice

Recently I had a letter from a man who had read my booklet, *Verbal Inspiration of the Bible and Its Scientific Accuracy*, and was dissatisfied in that I gave what the Bible itself claimed as to its inspiration. He also casts reflection upon the importance of the evidences I gave of the scientific accuracy of the Bible. Here I give my answer, with quotations from his own letter. I hope the answer will be helpful to all who are interested. The Bible can be believed. Any honest heart who is willing to do the will of God when he finds it, willing to trust the Saviour when he sees who the Saviour is, willing to worship and obey God when he finds the Bible is God's authoritative revelation, may come to know for himself and without a doubt that the Bible is the infallible Word of God. I beg the reader to take to heart this thought and see for himself. But here is my letter to the unbeliever.

November 20, 1950

Dear Mr.—:

I have your letter of November 7 and am glad to answer it. Thank you for writing.

I will deal with about four of the matters mentioned, and am sorry that I will not have time to do more than a brief study at this time.

1. You suggest the proposition that "if God had chosen to favor us with any unique message of His own, He would likewise have provided us with some adequate means of identifying it as such." That is, you say, "either He wants us to know or He doesn't." That general proposition surely is right and fair, except in certain modifications. Let us say rather that to a man who seeks God and wants to know God and wants to do God's will, God would surely be under obligation to reveal Himself and His will. But I do not see how God would be under any obligation to press upon

a wicked and perverse mind, truth that the mind does not specially want to receive. I do not see why God would be under any obligation to reveal Himself to a person who does not want to do right, and would not do the will of God if he knew it. Actually there is a clear Bible doctrine, clearly revealed in the Word of God, that men who do not want to do God's will and do not follow what light they have, are turned over to a reprobate mind. Romans 1 tells of the degeneration of the race from its original knowledge of God and it explains the origin of savagery and barbarism. Heathen people did not ascend from brute creation, but they left a light which was once given to the race in Noah's time and went into darkness, much as even the civilized world went into the darkness of the Dark Ages. If you will read Romans 1:18-32 carefully you will

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How Christ Saves Sinners

By the late Dr. Will H. Houghton
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"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God . . . Ye must be born again."—John 3:3,7.

Every man must answer for himself the question asked by Pilate, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

The Gospel of John is individualistic. Jesus Christ, an individual, a person, a divine Person, is dealing in the Gospel of John with persons, with individuals. In the third, fourth, and fifth chapters of John in particular, He is dealing with certain individuals, and the individuals represent different kinds of sinners. In the fifth chapter of John there is the impotent sinner; in the fourth chapter, the immoral sinner; in the third chapter, the important sinner.

In the fifth chapter of John, we read: "After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches." And who did Jesus find there? A man, an impotent man, a helpless man, who was waiting for the troubling of the water, and Jesus performed a miracle for that man.

Salvation for the Impotent Man
An impotent man! And he re-

presents one class of individuals who need Jesus Christ. We all know of persons of that type—the drunkard of the street, the hoodlum of the alley, the gambler of the den, the loafer of the corner, the prisoner of the cell, the unclean woman of the house of shame. We can understand that there are in society certain kinds of individuals who need a gospel—a message of good news for bad people. The whole world takes in that idea and there are a great many in the world who recognize that the only hope for the impotent, the sole chance for those who are sold under sin, is the gospel of Jesus Christ which is "the power of God unto salvation." It reaches down to the im-



Dr. Will H. Houghton

potent, to the helpless, to those who are bound by the chains and shackles of sin, to those who are defeated, to those who have been wrecked by sin. There is a gospel for the impotent.

Thank God that we can say to the man who has committed sin, even to the man who may be behind prison bars, "Jesus Christ is able to set you free from sin, even though you may, under penalty of a broken law, spend the rest of your days in a prison cell." Thank God that we can go to the woman who is taken in sin

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

IN THIS ISSUE OF THE SWORD OF THE LORD we begin a new series of articles by my very dear friend, that noble Christian physician, Dr. Walter L. Wilson, president of Kansas City Bible College. The articles will be *Strange Short Stories by the Doctor*. Young people and children will find them fascinating, as well as older people. You should read the article this week and call it to the attention of younger people. We have had many, many calls for more articles by Dr. Walter Louis Wilson. And if you want the book of thirty-three of these *Strange Short Stories* by Dr. Wilson you may order them for 75c each, from the Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois. Thank you, Dr. Wilson, for these most interesting sermons from everyday things all around us, stirring stories and lessons.

JULY 3-6 THE EDITOR WILL BE AT Chetek, Wisconsin, at the Wisconsin Bible Conference with Dr. M. R. Siemens, moderator, and with Dr. M. R. DeHaan, Bible teacher, and others. I hope all who can will drive in for those four days for refreshing of heart, for learning the Word of God and for Christian fellowship and vacation. The first meal will be served Tuesday night at 5:30.

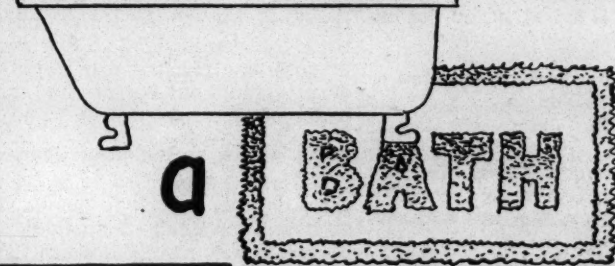
HAVE YOU EVER MADE THE DRIVE down through the Blue Ridge Mountains, across the Cumberland Gap, by way of Asheville, North Carolina, to Toccoa, Georgia? You have a wonderful treat in store for you, if you make that trip. Remember the Sword of the Lord conference on revival and soul winning at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, begins July 9 and runs through the 15th. These seven days should be days of tremendous blessing. A few miles away are the famous Toccoa Falls, higher than Niagara Falls. There are many scenic beauties. Lake Louise itself is one of the most

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Strange Short Stories

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson

What About Taking



Most everyone takes a bath at least once a year. One would think that some folks rarely ever do. Cleanliness through bathing accompanies Christianity. It is a well-known fact that the heathen are very dirty, both about their persons and their habitations. When Christ comes in the dirt goes out. Those who turn to God through Jesus Christ desire to be as clean as possible both within and without.

The Bible has something to say about bathing. Let us refer again to that very old writer and read in Job 9:30, 31 Job's soliloquy, "If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean; yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall abhor me." Job knew the value of soft water for cleansing purposes. Job knew also that no amount of washing the outside would cleanse the inside. Bathing in snow water would be fine for the skin, but would not help the soul. "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

Quite a strange bath is described in John 13:10. Jesus said to Simon Peter, "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit." We

know of course that this could not be true in the physical life. Certainly the washing the feet of the little boy will not remove the high water markings on his neck. Our Lord was not speaking of physical things; He was referring to the walk. How difficult it is to get children to understand that every part must be washed, and washed—with soap. Did you never smell your boy's face and hands to see whether he had washed with soap? Just as the entire body must be washed if it is to be all clean, so the entire soul and spirit, mind and heart must be washed in the blood of the Lamb, if we would be clean "every whit."

A futile and useless bath is indicated in Jeremiah 2:22, "Though

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The Gospel at a Glance

By Charles L. Ramsay

HIDDEN "TREASURE"



Be sure your sin will find you out. Numbers 32:23

Artist Charles L. Ramsay draws original Christian cartoons similar to the above which appear in THE SWORD OF THE LORD weekly. A collection of his best work appears in the book, *101 Christian Cartoons*, which sells for \$1.00 per copy and may be had from Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 W. Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

How Christ Saves Sinners

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and say to her, "There is cleansing in the blood of Jesus Christ, and you may be set free from its guilt and power."

I think of my friend, Steve Olin, whom I heard back in my boyhood days tell how his life had been wrecked by sin as a drunkard, an outcast; and how one day Jesus Christ reached out to save him. I have heard Steve Olin stand in prayer meeting again and again and sing with that rich bass voice of his: "I was lost but Jesus found me." And many a man has been able to sing that song, and many a woman can sing it also—"lost in sin," but Jesus Christ reached out to get hold of the helpless, poor, bound, broken, bleeding life, and give salvation. Yes, there is salvation for the impotent.

Salvation for the Immoral Man or Woman

But in the fourth chapter of John, there is another kind of sinner—the immoral sinner. Yet this sinner didn't seem to recognize her immorality. She had had several husbands, and the man with whom she lived at that moment was not her husband. There hadn't been any serious recognition of guilt on her part, but suddenly Jesus Christ brought it to her attention.

It is very possible that in the social set in which she moved her loose living was according to accepted standards. Perhaps her whole set held a perverted view of these relationships, and exchanged husbands very readily. There are social circles in America today where it is not an extraordinary thing at all for husbands and wives to make similar exchanges. There are circles, seem-

ingly, where it is not an unusual thing to be divorced two, three, four, or five times, and thus to trade husbands and wives.

I suppose there are some moving in such circles around us who do not recognize that there is anything wrong in that kind of existence. Here is a woman who was unclean in her life, but apparently she had not run athwart the standards of the people with whom she happened to live, and, because she was conforming to their standards, she thought she was conforming to the standards of God. You see it is very possible to live up to human standards and yet to come a thousand miles short of what God expects! It is possible to live according to the righteousness of men and yet miss the righteousness of God. She was immoral and didn't realize it, until Jesus pointed out her need of the water of life.

Salvation for an Important Sinner

But in the third chapter of John there is the important sinner. I suppose I have called him the important sinner merely because the word is alliterative—it fits in with the suggestions of the impotent and the immoral. The important sinner, Nicodemus! A good man, a moral man, a religious man, Nicodemus sought the presence of Jesus Christ, and opened conversation with Him with the compliment: "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." But Jesus looked upon Nicodemus and said to him, "Ye must be born again."

If Jesus had said to the woman of Samaria in the fourth chapter of John, "You must be born again," and Nicodemus had overheard it, he would have agreed with Jesus, for the woman of Samaria was not a Jew; she was a Samaritan. She didn't have the right to expect anything on the ground of her natural birth. But Nicodemus was a Jew. How did he become a Jew? He was born a Jew. Who were the Jews? They were heirs to the covenant of promise.

Here was a man who had a right to expect something on the ground of his Jewish birth, and

Jesus said to that one, not to a Samaritan, not to a Gentile, but to one who had a ground of expectation in his natural birth, "You must be born from above." If Jesus said that to a Jew, you may be sure it is true of the Gentile for the Gentile never had the right to expect anything on the ground of his natural birth. Always remember that Jesus said to Nicodemus, the religious Jew, the moral Jew, the leader of the Jews, "You must be born again. You must be born from above."

Who Has a Right to Vote?

I would like to use two or three illustrations, because I think they will help to make the matter plain. Let me illustrate it this way. Even boys and girls who are in grammar school recognize that if you are to cast a vote in the country in which you live, there are certain qualifications which you must possess. It is election day, the first Tuesday in November, and here is a man living in the town who, we will say, was born in Italy. As he leaves his house, he meets his next door neighbor on the street, and the neighbor says, "I am stopping at the polls to vote this morning."

"Well," remarks this man who was born in Italy, "I think that is a good idea, and I will stop at the polls and vote with you."

This neighbor doesn't want to raise any question concerning the matter, and so the two go to the polls together. The man born in America goes to the poll and casts his vote. The man born in Italy goes to the poll, and says, "I would like to vote, too."

The gentleman in charge of the polling place asks him, "Have you registered? Where were you born?"

"I was born in Italy."

"Have you been naturalized?"

"No, I haven't been naturalized yet."

"Well, then, you can't vote."

"I can't vote? Why not? I want you to understand that I am just as good as this next door neighbor of mine and you allowed him to vote. I want you to understand that I meet my responsibilities as a citizen in this community. I pay my debts, I take care of my wife and my children."

The man taking care of the polling booth replies, "Well, sir, I am interested in all that, but it doesn't touch the matter we are discussing. The fact is you have not been naturalized and therefore you cannot vote."

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," in order to enter the kingdom of God. There is something that must occur to give you not only rights in that kingdom but a relationship to that kingdom, and this is it, "You must be born from above."

Spiritual Laws Manifested in Nature

Years ago there was a book very popular in religious circles, written by Henry Drummond, called *Natural Law in the Spiritual World*. While a great deal of the science in Henry Drummond's book has been outmoded in the chapter on Bio-Genesis, there is an illustration in this book that is apt, even in our time. Henry Drummond said something like this: There are elements in the lower kingdoms, the mineral kingdom for instance, that cannot reach the higher kingdoms except by a new birth.

Let me put it this way. What is this body of yours made of? Boys and girls will respond, "Flesh and bones and blood." Yes, but how do you keep this body going—the flesh and blood and bones? You will discover, as you go on a little further in school, that in the food you eat you are partaking of certain mineral elements, and your body is made up of those mineral elements. All of those chemicals are in the ground, in the very dirt under your feet—the very same mineral elements that are in your body and without which your body wouldn't live.

Now all these chemicals are in the ground, but how are they going to get into your body and become a part of your life? This is the way: The plant world reaches down and gets hold of those mineral elements, and then reaches out into the air and takes in some of the gaseous elements

there. Thus these minerals which were down in the ground have been born from above, because the plant has reached down and lifted them up and made these elements its very own. Then the animal comes along and partakes of the plant life—the grass or the herb or the leaf—and lifts these elements up into the animal world.

How are you going to get hold of these minerals? You cannot eat them or assimilate them. Well, since you live in the realm of man, you partake of the animal, if you are a flesh-eater, or you partake of the plant life, if you are a vegetarian, and once again these elements are born from above. Because you reach down and partake of them, these elements become a part of your body, they are a part of your life.

The New Birth Necessary

Jesus said, "You must be born from above." There is no possible way of getting into the kingdom of God by yourself, lifting yourself up by your own character, reaching up, climbing up on others, or going up a ladder of good resolutions. None of these things will bring you into the presence of God or make you like God. You must be born from above, and that means that He must reach down and get hold of you, and lift you up from where you are to where He is.

That is what happens in the new birth. You live in the world of men and you can never get above the world of men. You are a man. You are in the flesh, in the body. There is a spirit in your body but it is a human spirit, and it will never be more than a human spirit. It will have everlasting existence, I am not denying that. It will have everlasting existence, but it will never be more than a human spirit, except God reaches down from above and lifts you up into His family and makes you His own. You must be born from above.

This is an absolute necessity—you must be born from above. There are no options here, no alternatives. There isn't any choice in this matter. That is the reason why the Scriptures affirm so frequently that a man who has not had this experience is dead in trespasses and sins. He lacks life! "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." That is the only thing to be said about it. We can say that positively he is a sinner, he has committed sins, he is under the power, the guilt, the penalty, the taint, and the condemnation of sin—that is all true positively; but negatively he lacks life because he is dead in sin.

If there is only one thing you can say about a man, it is quite enough to say that he lacks life, that he is dead. Jesus said to the rich young ruler who claimed that he had kept this law and the other law, "Yet one thing thou lackest." But that one thing was the determining thing and he went away sorrowful. When the one thing a man lacks is life, then that one thing is the essential thing, and you may have everything else, but if you do not have that you do not have anything.

Just One Thing Was Lacking

I remember going through Twenty-third Street in New York City many years ago and passing a certain building where there was a wide lobby opening into the street. I glanced in and saw at one side of that lobby what looked like a box-office window, and in front of it, just a little out of line, a man and woman and a couple of children, and at one side a policeman in uniform. I glanced in, and then went on down the street and performed my errand. I came back after an hour or two and glanced in again as I passed, and to my surprise I saw the man and the woman, the two children, and the policeman standing in exactly the same position; they hadn't moved an inch. Some two or three weeks later I went through Twenty-third Street again, and remembering the other occasion I glanced in and, lo and behold, there stood the man and the woman and the two children, and there was the policeman, too—they hadn't moved an inch. The weeks had passed and they hadn't budged. It was the Eden Musee and they were wax figures. They seemed to lack only one thing, but that was life.

I will tell you a secret if you won't tell anybody! I just lack one thing to be president of the United States—votes. But I'll sell my chance for a quarter. So when the one thing lacking is the determining thing, how important that thing is! "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." That is to say, he is dead. So far as that life is concerned, he is dead. Just as that mineral resting in the ground cannot of itself get up into the life of a man but has to be born from above, so man cannot get up into the life of God but must be born from above—lifted up into that life. That is the reason Jesus said, "Ye must be born again."

It would have been a wonderful thing if Jesus had come to the world merely to say, "Ye may be born again. God has made it a glorious possibility, and ye may be born again." But Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." It is an imperative, a necessity. You see that rules out everything else. It rules out our good resolutions, our good characters, our turning over a new leaf, our religious performances, if we are doing these in order to be saved; or joining the church, submitting to ordinances, subscribing to a creed, signing a pledge—it rules them all out. Some of them are important in a secondary relationship to the main thing, but the first matter is, "You must be born again."

That is the heart of this entire Gospel of John. Jesus said it, let me repeat, not to the Samaritan woman, not to a Gentile, but to a man who had the right to expect something on the ground of his natural birth. He said to him, "Natural birth doesn't count here; you must be born from above." Well, here's the "must" of it.

The New Birth Explained

Now, how does this new birth occur? You will notice as you read the Gospel of John that the word

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

I read recently a very interesting letter written by a young woman who is a graduate of Bob Jones University and who is now a missionary in Siam. This girl, who could not have come to Bob Jones University if we could not have helped her with a work/loan scholarship, is doing a wonderful work for the Lord Jesus Christ in a far-away land. She got her training here. She got her philosophy of life and her slant on life here. She knows how to win souls to Jesus Christ.

This missionary says: "I remember something Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., said one morning in chapel. If you want to live a great life, get fast hold of some great truth and learn to live by it. There came a day that a mighty truth gripped me. It was this: 'And God is able to make all grace abound toward you that ye always having all-sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work.'"

You friends who have prayed for Bob Jones University and have contributed to the Student Loan Endowment Fund have a share in the testimony and work which these missionaries are doing in foreign lands and in what our students are doing in winning the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ here in the homeland. Remember, you are partners with us in this business, so please keep praying for us and please help us in our effort to raise this Student Loan Endowment Fund so we will never have to turn away any student who is worthy and who needs help in order to attend Bob Jones University and prepare for Christian service. Thank you for what you have done and are going to do. May God bless you.

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Bill Rice Donates New Conference Ground in Tennessee

Cumberland Christian Retreat Incorporated. First Session Near Murfreesboro Announced by Evangelist

By Editor John R. Rice

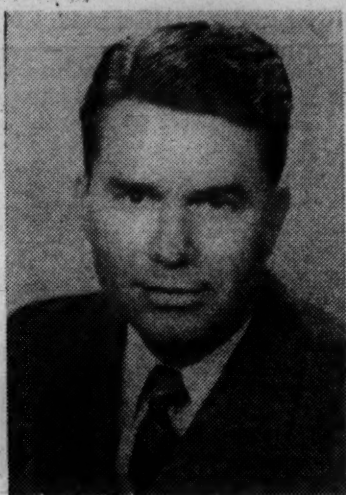
My effervescent brother, Evangelist Bill Rice, just returned from his tour of African mission fields and the Holy Land, has been to see me and most of the happy week we have been planning about the lovely new conference grounds for which he has made provision. More than a year ago Bill bought a thousand acres nine miles from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on the state highway between Murfreesboro and Nashville. He has set apart twenty-five acres of this ranch which he is donating to form a new conference ground. Already the Cumberland Christian Retreat has been incorporated, not for profit, under the laws of Tennessee. The trustees are Evangelist Bill Rice; Mrs. Catherine Rice, Bill's wife; Rev. Woodrow Medlock, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Mr. E. E. Widner, Christian businessman of Dallas, Texas; and the editor, John R. Rice. Several features will make this conference ground quite unique. For one thing it will have available from Bill's ranch a good number of fine-blooded saddle horses available to the guests, for a small fee, and the ranch motif will be prominent. The ground will be in the South where conference grounds are not so plentiful and it will be interdenominational and fundamental in its scope. We have planned to have a conference for deaf children every year. Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Rice are specially concerned in this matter because their older daughter, Betty Ann, has been deaf since she was two years old and went through a severe sickness.

It is planned to build as soon as possible a large dining hall and kitchen, a number of two-room, concrete block cabins permanent and attractive, two dormitories for boys and girls (or men and women), and a large open-air taber-

nacle. We believe that much of the work will be donated by friends of this work in the area, if we can raise enough money for the material.

We will plan to have a large Sword of the Lord conference on revival and soul winning every summer at these conference grounds. We will also plan for conference for young people and some other reputable, sound groups of Christians will use the conference grounds. I am glad to serve on the Board of Trustees. The work will be on a non-profit basis and my brother and I, along with the other trustees, will give much work as a labor of love, to see that revival fires spread, and that Christians are taught the Word of God and young people are led out into Christian work. We want your prayers.

For \$300 one can buy the material for a two-room, concrete block cabin which will be permanent and comfortable, and take care of two couples or two small families. Would you like to furnish the means for such a cabin on this ground dedicated for Jesus Christ, and to the spread of the gospel? We believe we can train young people, give them the missionary and soul-winning vision. We believe that we can here once a year take care of the deaf children and teach them with special teachers. So rarely is provision made for them in any kind of Christian work. We believe that we can call godly ministers and other Christian workers from all over the country here for a special time of refreshing every year. If you feel impressed to help us, or if you want further information, please write Evangelist Bill Rice, 225 Kings Highway, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



Evangelist Bill Rice

of any part of the Bible, he will have to take the authentication which Jesus gives to all the Old Testament. And no man who accepts all the Old Testament doubts the New Testament. Your troubles are not primarily concerned with the canon. And if you knew more about the proposition, you would see that this is so, that Scripture authenticates itself, if you acknowledge the authority which any of the books claim for themselves.

3. You say it begs the question to attempt to prove the inspiration of the Bible by its own claims. But that only goes to show that you have ignored some of the greatest facts involved. By the rules of Greenleaf on evidence thousands of legal minds have been convinced of the inspiration of the Bible. There is a presumption in favor of the inspiration of the Bible which intelligent and informed men cannot ignore. That presumption is built on many great factors including the testimony of millions of the most moral and intelligent people who ever lived, built on the impact of the Bible on our civilization, our literature, our morality; built upon the moral standards in the Bible, inconceivably above all other purely human standards.

And even if you had not studied the impact of the Bible on human society as I have, if you should set out most prayerfully and humbly to search the Bible for a period of years, seeking to find what light you could follow, seeking to find a God you could worship, seeking to find a truth you could believe, seeking to find a morality which you could practice, seeking to find a holiness and purity of heart which men cannot attain without revelation and help from God, seeking to find a peace and forgiveness which the world can never give—you would have already found that there is such a mass of presumptive evidence in favor of the Bible that honest and intelligent men must give what the Bible says about itself the very highest importance.

You ask "how the reflective Christian deals with these considerations to his own satisfaction." I tell you very frankly that relying upon plain promises in the Word of God I have deliberately walked into the most difficult situations where humanly speaking it appeared my ruin would be the result. But God has vindicated His Word so remarkably that an intelligent and reverent mind must say that there is a supernatural accuracy and authority in these promises. I gave up a regular salary, gave up life insurance, gave up a course of action which would have led to security and provision and adopted the course which seemed extravagant and profligate in that I made no provision for the future except to obey God and to depend on Him to supply my needs. Since in a short letter I cannot do any adequate justice to this theme, nor tell you enough to prove the point to your satisfaction, I will say that the personal pragmatic evidence that I have shows that the promises of God are true, that God intervenes in the affairs of men, that God answers definite prayer, even for material things, using humanly improbable or apparently impossible means. I have seen the drunkard changed in one short hour to permanent sobriety. I have seen the harlot made pure. I have seen the atheist made into a childlike believer in Christ. I have seen the

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Revival at University Commencement

By the Editor

The editor has a fine letter from Dr. Bob Jones Sr., founder of Bob Jones University at Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Jones is a very dear friend, and I have the honor of being on the Board of Bob Jones University. With this in mind readers will understand the kind letter of Dr. Jones. And I know all of us will rejoice at the evidence of the power and blessing of God on this great university in the Commencement program.

Here is Dr. Jones' letter:

"My dear Brother John:

"First, I am enclosing in this letter copy of a statement released at the Board meeting by Dr. Gilbert Stenholm, which I thought you might be interested in carrying in THE SWORD OF THE LORD because of the effect on evangelism. I am also enclosing in this letter copy of a statement released by Mr. Mercer, our registrar, about our educational setup; and I am enclosing a financial statement which I think you will be interested in. We will send an auditor's report to you later.

"You will be interested to know that we had the greatest Commencement in the history of the school. We reached heights of culture and efficiency never before known in the school. On Sunday night we had our annual preachers' contest. A revival really broke out. There were a number of visitors on the campus who were saved. Our students, of course, are all professing Christians. A young man from France who was here visiting his cousin got under conviction. This young man could not understand English, but we sent for one of our teachers who could speak French to him, and he was saved. The mother of one of our fine girls was gloriously saved. The father of one of our girls, a man sixty-two years of age for whom she has been praying ever since before she came to Bob Jones University, found the Lord. Two young men who came to their sister's graduation were wonderfully saved. We have heard of a great many conversions.

"I wish you could have been here. The Lord was here in great power. We were never as sure as we are now that this thing is of God.

"We are looking forward to seeing you at Toccoa. We certainly do hate to lose Grace. We sure do love her. God bless you."

When Dr. Jones says, "We certainly do hate to lose Grace," he refers to my daughter, Mrs. Grace MacMullen, who has been employed by the Bob Jones University radio, WMUU, and in the film studio of the University. She has come to Wheaton to work with the Sword of the Lord, and will be Circulation Manager, taking part of the work which has been done by Mr. Charles T. Lampman, and part that I have been doing. Allan MacMullen, who has been taking his training in Bob Jones University, a Canadian with three years experience in the Canadian Army, will be manager of the Sword Book Room in Wheaton, and we thank God for his coming to Wheaton to help us, and for Grace as well.

A Wonderful Report of Dr. Gilbert Stenholm

Dr. Gilbert Stenholm, director of extension and chairman of Christian Education and Missions in Bob Jones University, offered the following report at the annual Board meeting of the University on May 29, 1951.

"STUDENT BODY"

"Number of states represented in the student body 47
"Number of foreign countries represented in the student body 26
"Students from the United States traveled a totaled of 4,275,700 miles to attend the University this school year of 1950-1951. Students from foreign countries traveled approximately 1,000,000 miles, which is equivalent to 200 times around the world at the equator. (This does not include travel during the Christmas holiday).
"The five largest continents are represented in the student body.
"Number of denominations in the student body 110

"Number of missionary volunteers 450
"Number of Bob Jones University students now on the mission fields 112
"Number of Bob Jones University students leaving the University at this Commencement and who will be going to the foreign fields within the next few months 55
"Number of foreign countries in which our missionaries are working 31
"Number of foreign mission boards in which our missionaries are members 26

"MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION"

"Number of ministerial students matriculated during the school year 1950-51 1202
"Number of denominations in which the ministerial students hold membership 68
"During the past eleven and a half months, our ministerial students have held 77,105 public services; dealt with 197,580 people individually about their soul's salvation; have had 68,830 decisions for Christ; and distributed 1,642,000 gospel tracts explaining the plan of salvation. (These statistics are from records which have been given to us and are only partial reports. These figures do not include the many non-ministerial students who are equally as efficient in winning souls to Christ and active in Christian work. We have not included the work of some 200 young women who have conducted Child Evangelism classes every week of the school year and have been used greatly by the Lord in winning many to Christ).

"Last summer our ministerial students traveled approximately 920,000 miles on extension work, and during the school year traveled 1,620,500 miles which means that they traveled since June 1, 1950, conservatively 2,500,000 miles in their efforts to win souls to the Lord Jesus Christ."

That is a wonderful report of work done. We thank God for those 1200 ministerial students, the hundreds of missionary volunteers, and for the nearly 69,000 decisions for Christ, converts won by ministerial students in the University.

Educational Progress at BJU

Mr. Theodore C. Mercer, registrar of the University, at the Board meeting submitted to the Board of Trustees of Bob Jones University a wonderful report on the educational progress of the University. As a Board member, I received a copy of this report, though I was unable to be present at the Board meeting because of the big revival campaign in Moncton, New Brunswick. Read these interesting evidences of the blessing of God on the high educational standards in Bob Jones University and the progress of the work.

"Dr. Jones, I am happy to present the following highlights of the educational progress of the University for the school year 1950-51:

"1. The University has matriculated on all levels this past year more than 3,000 students. This number represented a slight but encouraging increase over the previous high, despite generally falling enrollments of 10-15 per cent over the nation.

"2. This student body represented 47 states (Utah being the only state not represented) plus the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, the Canal Zone, and 22 foreign countries. Pennsylvania led the list of states with 265 representatives and Michigan was second with 225. Twelve states had representation exceeding 100. The foreign student enrollment ap-

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see this teaching clearly given. And verse 28 rather sums it up, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient . . ." Truth has a moral quality. The search for truth requires a certain humility of mind, a certain willingness to follow the truth wherever it leads, and to believe whatever is clearly proven. So there are great truths of God which the carnal mind cannot receive as long as it is at enmity with God, unwilling to follow God, unwilling to live by the truth that it would seek to know as a mere matter of scientific information. But "draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" is a clear promise of the Word of God (Jas. 4:8).

Now, thank God, He has made

very clear the evidence of the inspiration of the Word of God. But just as an arrogant disposition and determined prejudice can keep a man from success in any scientific investigation, so a willful and perverse disposition, an enmity toward God in the heart, closes one's mind to spiritual truth, God is under no obligation to reveal the authority of the Bible to men who despise the authority and would not live by it, if they had it.

2. You object that in my pamphlet, *The Verbal Inspiration of the Bible and Its Scientific Accuracy*, I "cited passages as though referring to the inspiration of the Bible as a unit . . ." I am sorry to think that you read that pamphlet very carelessly. It is too bad that you did not take the question seriously enough to get the information I plainly gave. I showed that Paul's writings claimed definitely that they were given word by word, by divine inspiration. I showed that the book of Isaiah claimed word for word inspiration, the book of Ezekiel, the book of Jeremiah. I showed that Jesus Christ Himself authenticated all the Old Testament canon of Scripture. And no matter how little you think of the canon of Scripture, Jesus Christ Himself knew the Old Testament canon which had already been formed, and He went into great detail to specify that it was all the Word of God. "Moses and all the prophets" (Luke 24:27). Neither "the law or the prophets" will be destroyed, but every jot and tittle fulfilled (Matt. 5:17-18); "in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms," (Luke 24:44). Other references were given clearly showing that Peter claimed divine inspiration for his epistles, the book of Revelation clearly claimed divine inspiration for itself, and that it was the close of the Scripture canon. Actually questions about the canon of Scriptures are not the main question, since if one believes in the inspiration

Do You Make these Mistakes in ENGLISH?

MANY persons say "between you and I" instead of "between you and me"—or use "who" for "whom"—or don't know whether to spell certain words with one or two "c's"—"m's"—"z's"—or with "ie" or "ei", etc. Every time you speak or write you show what you are. Mistakes in English reveal lack of education, refinement—prevent you from presenting your thoughts in the clearest way. Real command of English will help you reach any goal.



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STAUNTON, VIRGINIA, REVIVAL CROWD, WITH EVANGELIST EDDIE MARTIN



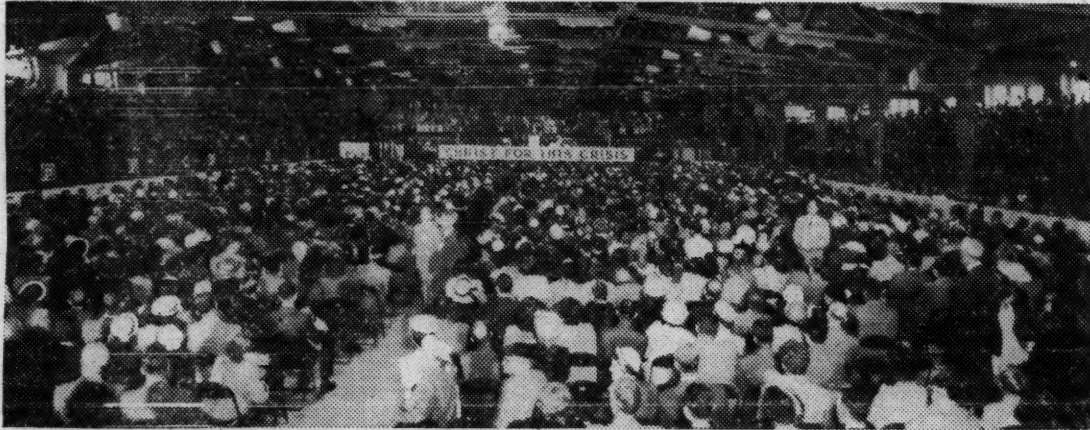
The above picture was run five columns wide in the STAUNTON VIRGINIA NEWSLEADER for Wednesday morning, May 16, with the following editorial comment:

"Thousands packed the old structure last Sunday where the voice of Billy Sunday rang out in another day. Approximately 5,000 people were on hand, many being unable to enter the tabernacle. Nearly 300 heard the pleadings of Evangelist Eddie Martin and professed faith. They were instructed later in a meeting after the services. It was the largest crowd in the five years of the young evangelist's services, and the second largest group to respond. Arrangements are being made for outdoor amplifiers next Sunday to meet an anticipated 6,000 persons."

A week later, the Staunton, Virginia EVENING LEADER reported, on the last service of the revival, when more than 6,000 gathered for the final service of the two-week campaign. This was the largest gathering of people in this community for a religious service for any event. The EVENING LEADER says: "Mr. Martin preached the simple Gospel with power, and during the two-week campaign 1,252 people came down the aisles and made a decision for Christ."

Evangelist Eddie Martin (2036 Lititz, Lancaster, Pennsylvania) writes that his first two city-wide efforts in 1951—at Hinton and Martinsburg, West Virginia, filled the high school auditoriums in these cities and the largest church in town, at the same time. He preached twice each night to two separate crowds. There were over 1,600 saved in Martinsburg, West Virginia, in two weeks.

MERV ROSELL IN DENVER REVIVAL



Evangelist Merv Rosell, Box 11, Rochester, Minnesota, preached to over-flow crowds during the opening week-end of the Colorado for Christ Crusade being held in Denver's Mammoth Garden. The attendance in the week-end services totaled 16,000. The series continues through June 3. (We do not have final results.)

A news release states that never in the history of Colorado has the spirit of expectancy for revival been so high as it is now. At the close of the opening night service more than 4,000 people dropped to their knees on the sawdust covered floor to pray for a great spiritual awakening in the Rocky Mountain Empire. Ministers representing all denominations more than filled the Crusade platform and are united as never before in what is proving to be the greatest spiritual advance in the history of Colorado. United with Rosell in the Colorado Crusade is Hilding Halvarson, music-master; Howard Skinner, organist and soloist; First Mate Bob and the "Haven of Rest" radio group, and Karl Steele, Wheaton, Illinois, artist. Cy Johnson, of Des Moines, Iowa, is in charge of public relations.

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editors

JON A. PIRTLE

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Atlanta 2, Georgia

Fine word has come of two recent revivals led by Evangelist Jon Pirtle. At the First Baptist Church, Ben Hill, Georgia, there were fifty-one actual recorded additions to the church by profession of faith or transfer of membership. Many said it was the greatest revival in the church's history. Brother Pirtle has been invited back for another campaign in 1952. In East Chicago, Indiana, the Central Baptist Church likewise termed the two weeks with Rev. Pirtle as the greatest in the history of the church. Forty-one decisions were recorded. The pastor, Rev. Warren W. Wiersbe, baptized nineteen the last Sunday of the campaign, and he reports another dozen were to be baptized the following Sunday. The pastor

adds: "His simple, direct, Spirit-delivered messages brought the results many had been praying for for many months. His whole approach to evangelism is sane and without denominational prejudice."

G. P. COMER

Box 5889
Dallas 2, Texas

Evangelist G. P. Comer, Methodist evangelist, reports that during the Conference year of 1950-51 he has held sixteen evangelistic meetings in seven states. There were 807 forward for conversion and reclamation; 202 joined churches, and many other lives were touched by his ministry. A report on a recent revival in Beeville, Texas, by Pastor Rev. W. G. Birkner of the First Methodist Church, shows that as a result of Rev. Comer's preaching, thirty-four people joined the churches. Many family altars were started.

The report does not list the number of conversions.

EVANGELIST FRANK HARPELL

Evangelist Frank Harpell held a revival in the Advent Christian Church in Hudson Falls, New York, May 27-June 3. The pastor, Rev. Victor Osborne, reports good results, saying that an average of one soul a day found Christ in the church and in personal visitation.

EVANGELIST DOUGLAS WINN

Box 532
Martinsville, Virginia

Sixty-two souls were saved in a series of meetings just closed in Oklahoma City. Brother Winn states that one man fell to the floor at his seat and cried out, as did the Philippian jailer, "What must I do to be saved?" Another man came forward and cried out, "Lord, if you don't save me, I'm going to die."

EVANGELIST KENNETH CHAPMAN

215 Kings Highway
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Rev. Wesley Pruden, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, sends in the following report of the Chapman-Lovelady Evangelistic Party:

"We have just closed a good meeting in Grace Baptist Church with the Chapman-Lovelady Evangelistic Party. The meeting closed with a full house at both services. There are no finer song leaders in the field than Brother and Sister Lovelady. Brother Kenneth Chapman is a splendid preacher with the fire and unction of the old-time preacher. He is strictly a Bible preacher that puts more Scripture per square foot in his messages than any preacher I know. He labors unsparingly to win the lost to Christ and get them into the church."

"In the meeting with us souls were saved, members were received and family altars were established. The church was stirred to a new zeal for God. The churches should keep Kenneth Chapman busy."

EVANGELIST COVELL KEENUM

507 Third Ave., W.
Decatur, Alabama

Evangelist Covell Keenum sends a report on his last three meetings—with Rev. B. F. Cate, Fundamental Baptist Church, Akron; Rev. H. E. Kennedy, Locust Grove Baptist Church, Smyrna, Georgia; and Rev. J. D. Howell, Jr., Bible Fellowship Church, Sumpter, South Carolina. Combining the three revivals, there were 203 conversions, many rededications and family altars started. Some hardened sinners were saved in each revival.

ENGAGEMENTS

Sword Staff of Evangelists

Kenneth Chapman
July 8-22, Rev. James E. Fryar, Gerrish Baptist Church, Roscommon, Mich.; July 23-Aug. 5, Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Pleasant Plains, Ark.; Aug. 6-19, Rev. Edward Mayfield, Sedalia Baptist Church, Sedalia, Ky.

Ray Cutchin
Wheaton College Summer School, Wheaton, Ill.

Claude McDonald, Jr.
July 8-22, Church of God Camp, The Bereman Church, Mt. Carroll, Ill.; July 24-Aug. 5, Rev. G. M. Roberts, Guion Baptist Church, Rosie, Ark.

James H. Melton
June 18-July 1, Mt. Calvary Encampment, Cantonment, Fla.; July 2-20, Warehouse Meeting, Greenville, N. C.; July 22-29, Rev. Floyd Davis, First Baptist Church, Stamps, Ark.

Joe Rice
July 13-22, Rev. Wayne Smith, Ardmore, Okla.; July 31-Aug. 12, Rev. Sterling Kerr, Pilot Grove Baptist Church, Pleasant Green, Mo.

James Threlfall
July 14, Youth For Christ, Indianapolis, Ind.; July 22-Aug. 5, Tent Campaign, Overly Baptist Church, Rev. John Bissett, Baltimore, Md.

Eddie Wagner
June 18-July 1, Kansas City, Mo.

Douglas Winn
June 27, Burlington, N. C.; June 28-29, Hickory, N. C.; June 30, Anderson, Ind.; July 1-7, Youth For Christ, Hampton, Va.; July 8-14, Youth For Christ, Mulliken Hill, N. J.; July 15-25, Rev. D. R. Philley, First Baptist Church, Wilson, Okla.; July 26-28, Soul-Winner's Conference, Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

These men on the Sword Staff of Evangelists have been called of God to do the work of an evangelist, and are willing to go wherever God clearly leads, to help in a revival campaign. Each of these God-called men have ability, are deeply spiritual and are successful soul winners. Each one is a proven evangelist. Most of them have pastoral experience.

For dates with any of these men of the Sword Staff of Evangelists, write Rev. Ralph E. Mueher, Field Secretary, Sword Staff of Evangelists, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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criminal made into an upright citizen and these not one time but literally in hundreds and hundreds of cases. I have seen the sick raised up when there were no human prospects of healing and when doctors were astounded. I say, I know God answers prayer, that He has answered my prayer in some cases bordering on the miraculous and in other cases I think clearly over the border.

A few of these details are given in my large book on *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*. But I am simply saying you could know for yourself whether the God of the Bible is the true God and whether the Bible is His inspired revelation. But you would need to set out to read the Bible with earnest heart to find the will of God. If you should set out to read the Bible with a holy resolve that you would obey its teachings, if it were the Word of God, that you would trust in the Saviour as your own Saviour if His claims were justified, that you would give yourself to a lifetime of wholehearted service to Christ if He would make His way clear, then you could know for yourself without any doubt about the Bible. I say, the contemplative Christian has such a strong foundation upon which to base his faith, that he finds it easy to believe what the Bible claims, even if he be not scientifically-minded or if he has not investigated the scientific evidence as I have.

Let me illustrate. I came from the Southwest cattle country. Cattle, horses, saddles, lariats—these were as commonplace incidents in my life as automobiles, radios, paved streets, typewriters, etc. are to business people. Now, suppose there is a man we may call Mr. X, of whom I hear much as to his prowess in riding broncs, in use of the lariat, in bulldogging cattle.

Suppose a dozen, or a hundred people I know tell me they know this man intimately, that he has the very highest of character, that they have found him truthful in a thousand details of life. Now suppose that I somewhere see this man in a rodeo ride the wildest broncs with a certain grace and ease and ingenuity with which I am well familiar. Suppose I see him throw the lariat so accurately, with such grace and rhythmic timing, that I cannot conceal my admiration. His daring is only equalled by his skill. Now suppose I talk to this Mr. X and he tells me that he has won the bronc-riding championship at Madison-Square Garden, at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at the Fat Stock Show at Ft. Worth, Texas. You tell me that I should not consider the man's words on the question? After I have already seen what he can do (and I am an old cowhand myself and a good judge of such matters), and after I have heard him commended as to his veracity by friends who have known him long and well, some of the most reputable people I know, then naturally I would respect what he says. Now further I talk long with Mr. X and I find that on a thousand matters he proves himself moral, upright, dependable, truthful. You say I am not to believe what he says about matters on which I know he is well-qualified, and my own judgment tells me he might well have done exactly what he said he did.

So I come to the Scripture with a testimony of millions who knew the Lord Jesus as a personal Saviour, who found forgiveness and peace and joy and daily victory through long years. I have the testimony of uncounted millions of Christians who have found that

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This summer, your vacation will be well invested—not spent—when you come to beautiful WINONA LAKE. You will receive rich spiritual dividends as you hear internationally known speakers and outstanding musical talent. DR. JOHN R. RICE will be one of the featured speakers from July 17th-22nd. Dr. J. Palmer Muntz is the director of the Bible Conference.

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Organist Reads Sermon in Sword to Congregation When Minister Fails to Arrive

From Vivian, Manitoba, comes a letter that rejoices our hearts. Miss Ruth Matschullis writes as follows:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"We have been receiving THE SWORD OF THE LORD for quite some time. And we really do enjoy the messages from week to week. During the winter months we are unable to attend church services, as the church that we have here is closed for the winter. The people out here are unable to support a pastor all the year 'round, so just during the summer months the church is opened.

"I'm writing this letter for my mother as she is unable to write English. I'm a young Christian

girl and have known the Lord for several years. For about four years I've been the organist in our church.

"One Sunday morning we were waiting for the pastor to come out from the city. Thinking maybe he was having trouble with his car, we started to sing a few hymns. After we had sung for awhile the pastor still hadn't come. My mother had a SWORD OF THE LORD in her purse so she brought it up to me and told me to read a sermon out of it. Instead of having a minister preaching a sermon, I read one out of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and everyone told me that they really enjoyed the message. This wonderful paper can sure come in handy at times.

Share YOUR Sword

"There are many unsaved friends in our community and so we would like you to help us pray for them, that they may find Christ as their Saviour. Our community here has never had a revival campaign, and we are praying that God will send one and stir the hearts of men and women here.

"May God richly bless you all and we trust that during these coming weeks that many may find Christ.

"In Christian fellowship,"

(Signed) Ruth Matschullis

"If possible please send a few booklets, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' in German."

How many thousands of small communities where there is not much gospel preaching are blessed by the coming of THE SWORD OF THE LORD! This same incident, of a sermon from THE SWORD OF THE LORD being read to the congrega-

tion when there was no preacher present, has occurred again and again. A Lutheran church that I know of had the misfortune of having the pastor absent on a Sunday. But one of the most devout families in the church had long taken THE SWORD OF THE LORD. So they brought THE SWORD OF THE LORD to the services and read one of my sermons. Later a daughter-in-law of that home worked in Sword of the Lord office, and a son of that home is now preaching the gospel.

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"I particularly want to express my appreciation for your exposure of the sin of belonging to lodges. I was advised to join by my minister at the time, although I was a little doubtful of it myself at the time, but being new in the Lord I was lacking in knowledge. After reading your booklet, *Lodges Exposed By the Bible*, there was no doubt in my mind as to the real truth. I am teaching this truth whenever opportunity permits.

"I pray that you will not slacken in teaching the gospel truth and the necessity of true Christians being a separated people from the world. May God bless you for your good work."—Arthur K. Preston, Indianapolis 1, Ind.

Methodist and Baptist Ministers Blessed By Sword

May 2, 1951

"Gentlemen:

"I got acquainted with your paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, just one year ago when I subscribed for it along with another minister friend. We are both young in the ministry. My friend is a Methodist minister and pastors three churches in rural Georgia. I am a Baptist preacher; and I serve two rural congregations. My friend and I have found your paper to be a source of constant inspiration and information, coming into our homes a 'never-failing flood.'

"While I have not been guilty of lifting these great sermons in their entirety, I have been able to incorporate illustrations and suggestions that have enriched my preaching; and we both look forward each week to receiving our copy of THE SWORD."—Rev. Leon Tucker, Atlanta, Ga.

Sword Brings Pastor to Place of Full Surrender

June 3, 1951

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I have felt the urge for some time to write you of the blessings I have received from THE SWORD OF THE LORD and other literature by you.

"I thank God that THE SWORD OF THE LORD was sent to me; and it has been a constant source of blessing to my life. Your book on *The Home* and other of your literature has been a means of bringing me to the place of full surrender to the Lord again.

"The church I pastor is a very small one, so I was trying to paint for a living and preach on Sundays—but while in prayer about two months ago, God told me if I would step out on faith, He would meet my needs and He has done so from unexpected sources.

"Since that time the Sunday School has almost doubled and the church attendance has more than doubled. Around twelve members of my church have subscribed to THE SWORD OF THE LORD; and they report blessings are coming to their lives. I have baptized twenty-two souls, four entire homes are rejoicing in salvation through the precious blood of Christ, compared with one soul baptized last year. There is a spirit of revival working among us now.

"Your book on *Prayer—Asking and Receiving* has been a great help to me since I have been out on faith. I hope I will be able to get your book on *The Power of Pentecost* some day..."—Pastor S. M. Rhodes, Lake City, Florida

Articles on Soul Winning Makes Preacher Better "Watchman"

May 28, 1951

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I want to thank you for the blessing and help THE SWORD has been to me. I am a young preacher, a 1950 graduate of Bob Jones University, and, of course, I have known you and THE SWORD for a long time.

"I had not subscribed since I left B.J.U. until recently, when someone—I do not know who—gave me a year's subscription. I am very, very grateful for the gift. I had longed to receive it every week again, but, like most young preachers, I seldom had an extra two dollars.

"You asked that your readers mention the articles that are of special help. I try to read all of the paper every week, and am delighted with all of it, but your own articles on soul winning have been of greatest personal help. Your

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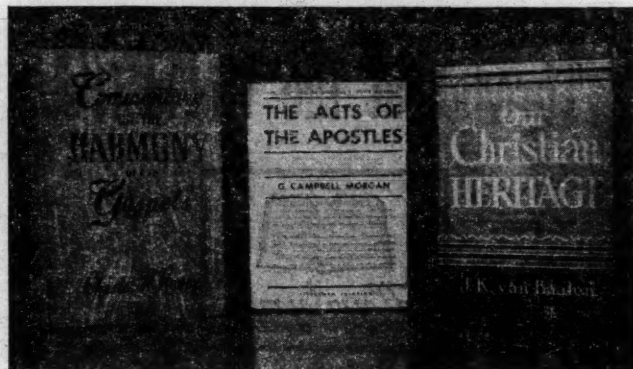
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SWORD "PRIZE" LETTERS

By the Editor

The writers of the letters below have been sent a \$2 certificate, entitling each to that amount in Sword merchandise, because their letters were chosen for print from the thousands received during Letter Month, which closed June 27. We take this opportunity to express our joy and gratitude for each one who took time out of his busy life to write us a letter during this Letter Month drive. Soon we will have a report for *The Sword* on the number received. We thank God for every letter. You have strengthened our stakes abundantly; and as a result, we trust to serve you better this coming year.

If your letter is not chosen, it is because we cannot possibly print all we would like to print. It has been a tremendous task to try to pick those we felt would be of encouragement and help to others.

For the next few weeks Letter Month letters will be printed. Watch for yours!

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June 4, 1951

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I have been taking THE SWORD OF THE LORD a good many years and thank God for its wonderful influence in my life and the work, to which the Lord has called me. The wife and I had THE SWORD OF THE LORD sent to the Official Board of the church, who in turn subscribed for our entire church membership.

"Dr. Rice, is it of your approval that the new booklet, *Bloody Hands, and How to Cleanse Them*, be used by us in our radio ministry to send out to the listening audience all that would send in and request a copy? We would purchase copies for this purpose. What is the cost per copy? At the present time we are giving a series of messages on revival and soul winning.

"May God use you mightily."—Rev. E. D. Hettinger, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

"The Only Time I Don't Enjoy Your Paper Is When I am Cold and Indifferent..."

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I thank Jesus for your paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD. THE SWORD has been a great blessing in my life. I find the only time that I don't enjoy reading your paper is when I am cold and indifferent and have let sin creep into my heart and life. I also have to guard against rejecting light that I receive from THE SWORD, because I know refusing to walk in the light cuts off the power and fellowship. I praise God for the stand THE SWORD takes on salvation, the blood, soul winning, the premillennial return of Christ, modernism, formalism, and worldliness. Thank you, Brother, for revealing the sin, apathy, lukewarmness, bloodguiltiness, that we Christians are guilty of so many times.

"Praise God for the book, *The*

Ruin of a Christian; the exposure of sin in Christians in this book has been a great blessing to God's children. Praise God for this truth! Every time I read this book the truth received from it manifests repentance, restitution, re-consecration and renewing of self to soul-winning witnessing."—Paul Green, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Murderer Thanks God for Sword

June 7, 1951

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I just finished reading the sermon on 'Why There Are Always Sinners Who Can Be Won' in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, issue Friday, May 25, 1951. It seems that was preached right to me personally. Prepare yourself for a shock as I tell you this story—for I am now facing trial for the murder of a bartender here in San Jose, California. The first morning I woke up in jail, all I could think of was taking my own life; but I thank God for having mercy on me and sending one of His servants to me, which is Brother Malone, and through him I have found Jesus Christ. As you said, the Devil just went too far, and won. Though I am facing death myself, my heart is satisfied and I am doing what little I can here to help other lost souls in this jail—but this trouble is not all, for I am an ex-convict. It is through this Brother Malone that I have been able to get hold of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It is sure an encouragement to me. I am happy for the first time in my life, completely at rest. God bless you in your work always."—Roy L., San Jose, Calif.

"P.S. I hope this statement will be of help to others. I am 28 years of age and thought I was tough but God has shown me I was only a coward. Praise the Lord for it!"

Lodge Book Keeps Man From Unequal Yoke

May 30, 1951

"Dear Mr. Rice:

"I have read with much profit several of your publications....

Sanctified 3 Times

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vital phases of Christian experience. Let us not shun it but study it and submit to it to the glory of God and the good of ourselves.

When sanctification is spoken of, many think reference is being made to some sort of sinless perfection in the daily walk of the Christian. Nearly all religious cults offering deeper Christian experiences to their devotees have done so by appealing to the doctrine of sanctification. This truth is often looked upon as meaning the eradication of the Adamic nature, so that it is not likely that the one who has experienced this second blessing, so-called, will consciously fall into sin.

In order to discover the Biblical meaning of sanctification we should note how it is used and what is said to be sanctified. We shall discover things as well as persons are sanctified. The first occurrence of the word is found in Genesis where we read, "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Gen. 2:3). There is no thought here of the eradication of sin nor any reference to purification from sin. This sanctifying act took place before the entrance of sin into the world.

A little further on we read, "And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering..." (Ex. 29:27). And again, "And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office" (Ex. 29:44). The very furniture of this unique little wilderness structure was sanctified, "And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them" (Lev. 8:10-11). We might go on to call attention to many other references in the Old Testament but enough have been cited to show that the underlying thought running in all of them is the setting apart of things and persons for a definite and a specific purpose.

It would be well for us to note several passages from the New Testament and as we do we will discover they carry the same concept as those found in the Old Testament. "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple" (Matt. 4:5). The word "holy" is the same as "sanctified." Jerusalem was not a city more holy than any other city, but it was holy in the sense of being set apart as the city of the King. "Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?" (Matt. 23:17). Here gold is said to be "sanctified," not that it was made to be holier than any other metal, but was to be set apart for a specific purpose.

We read the words of the Lord Jesus concerning Himself, "Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said I am the Son of God?" (John 10:36). In His high priestly prayer He said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth" (John 17:19). Our Lord did not have reference to a special experience in His life, nor to the eradication of the Adamic nature. In fact He did not possess such a nature, yet we read how He sanctified Himself.

Here is another interesting passage which sheds much light upon the meaning of sanctification as determined by the usage of the word, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer" (I Tim. 4:4-5). The food we press to our lips is said to be sanctified, that is, set apart for the purpose of nourishing our bodies.

The Apostle Peter added a significant statement when he wrote, "But sanctify the Lord God

in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (I Pet. 3:15). Peter is not pleading for a second work of grace, but calling upon all Christians to "set apart" the Lord wholly in their hearts. There is a sense in which all Christians were sanctified or set apart for God upon their belief of the Gospel, and there is a sense in which we as Christians are to grow in sanctification wherein our Saviour is more and more set apart in our daily experience. Some have expressed this distinction by the use of two familiar terms namely, "separation" and "consecration." Separation is true of all believers in that the cross has separated them from the world, the flesh and the Devil. Consecration differs greatly among different Christians. We can readily appreciate, how some are more consecrated than others, that is, they have set apart more fully in their hearts the Lord Jesus Christ and have given Him more complete sway over their lives. We need to understand that every one who is trusting the Lord Jesus for personal salvation is already sanctified before God as to his position or standing. He may have been the vilest of men, and yet it is written, "Such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (I Cor. 6:11). This leads us to a consideration of the threefoldness of sanctification which for the sake of convenience I have called, "Sanctified Three Times."

First, we shall see sanctification as

A Crisis

Irrespective as to whether he be a babe in Christ or a mature believer, every born-again person is sanctified. We shall discover as we search the Scriptures that this phase of sanctification or setting apart was instantaneous and complete. It is a past transaction wrought by God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity was involved in this work as in every other phase of salvation.

Looking again at a portion of Scripture already quoted we read, "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (I Cor. 6:11). In each instance where the word "are" occurs, it is translated "were" in the Revised Version and rightly so. The tense of these three verbs is what the Greeks called the aorist which represents an action or an event as past and does not, like the imperative, express continuance. The text does not say that "ye are being sanctified" or that "ye shall be sanctified," but that "ye were sanctified." It became a completed act at the same time we were justified and washed. Our washing and justification were experienced the moment we believed and likewise our sanctification. Although there were many things in the Corinthian church which the great apostle had to condemn as being out of keeping with the Christian life, yet he addressed them as those who were "sanctified in Christ Jesus..." (I Cor. 12:2). Since the verb here is the perfect passive participle we can read the passage as, "to men having been sanctified in Christ Jesus." There never has been a born-again soul which was not sanctified the moment he found the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

The basis for such a transaction is the finished work of Christ upon the cross. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren" (Heb. 2:11). Again, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:10). When He made atonement for our sins in His death, He also made provision for the sanctification of every believer. The cross is the ground for this glorious setting apart. All

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focuses in Christ for "of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (I Cor. 1:30). All four of these marvelous blessings came simultaneously to each child of God.

When we stop to consider the Holy Spirit's relation to this phase of our sanctification we see a remarkable confirmation of Christ's work for us in sanctification. "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (II Thess. 2:13). Jude declares that all believers are sanctified by the action of God, "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ and the brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called" (Jude 1).

It is apparent that all is divine and that the Godhead is operative in the work of sanctification. One aspect of salvation cannot be possessed without the other. To be saved is to become a saint instantly. This is why I speak of sanctification as a crisis. Those who in unbelief were set apart for the use of Satan have through faith in the Lord Jesus become set apart for use of the Trinity.

There is yet another feature in sanctification which must be considered. Some one has well said that sanctification is a crisis with a view to a process. Hence we think of this phase of sanctification as

A Course

God has set each one of His saved ones apart so that he might grow into the likeness of His Son. This is the course which God expects us to follow. We are called saints that we might become saintly in our daily walk. Sanctification through God's grace is to be met by complete dedication on our part. The crisis aspect of sanctification brought us into a perfect standing with Christ; now, in our state, we need to become more and more set apart for His use.

The second time we are sanctified stretches out across the whole course of our Christian experience. It is a daily sanctification, a constant work of the Spirit of God going on in the heart of the Christian. Paul said to the Roman saints, "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to

the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:16).

In this day by day sanctifying experience, we discover it comes about by the action of the Word as well as by the operation of the Spirit. Our Lord Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The same thought is brought out by Paul when he wrote to the Ephesians, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word" (Eph. 5:26). We must be on our guard not to minimize the usefulness of God's Word, because in conjunction with the Holy Spirit, it is for our daily sanctification.

Nowhere are we taught in the Scriptures that it is possible to experience a sanctification which will result in the blotting out of our carnal nature. Anticipating there would be those who would fall into this error, the Holy Spirit issued a word of warning. We read, "If we say that we have no sin [carnal nature], we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8). For any one to take the position of eradication of the sinful nature is to be devoid of the truth of a progressive sanctification. He has deceived himself, and by so doing imagines he has had an experience of the deeper Christian life. All of us yearn for a deeper experience with Christ, but it does not come by the

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IT HAS BEEN COMMENCEMENT

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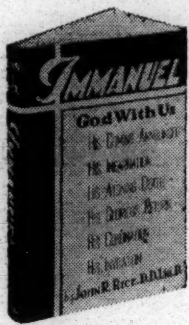
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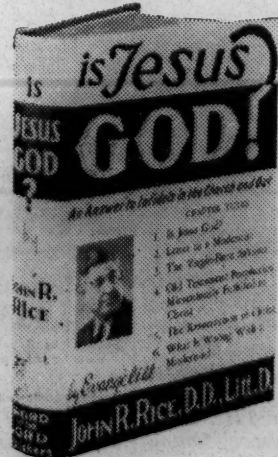
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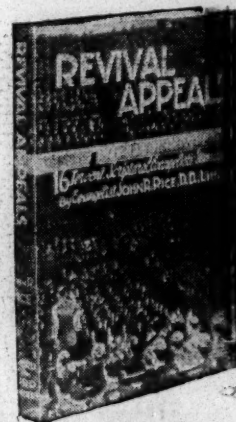
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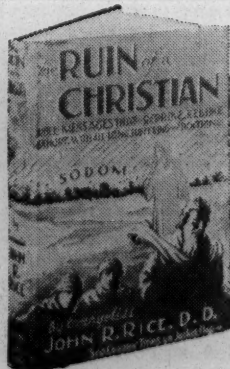
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proximated 100. There were 45 students from the Dominion of Canada. The total enrollment represented 110 religious denominations.

"3. People everywhere know about the emphasis of Bob Jones University in the fields of the fine arts and religion; and they also know about our emphasis on language. Some people, however, do not know that the University maintains a strong department of science. According to the head of our science department, whose Ph.D. is in biology, Bob Jones University, on the basis of the training and degrees of its science faculty and its laboratory equipment, is as well qualified to do the work it is offering in science as any other school in the country. The courses leading to the B.S. degrees in biology and chemistry are unusually strong.

"4. The College offered instruction on the undergraduate level this year in 11 languages from Greek and Hebrew through the modern European languages to Japanese and Chinese. Some 1200 students were enrolled in these courses. In addition, on the graduate level the College and the School of Religion in cooperation offered instruction in Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Arabic, and Ugaritic.

"5. In the School of Religion, the ministerial enrollment passed 1200. The graduate level enrollment showed an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year. Last year the University awarded its first Bachelor of Divinity degree as a result of the curriculum which had

been added in 1948. This year 8 B.D. degrees will be awarded along with 26 Masters of Art in religion. A Ph.D. degree in religion is to be awarded tomorrow to Mr. Tai Kook Kang of Seoul, Korea, who has been studying at the University for the past calendar year on a University scholarship. Mr. Kang expects to return to his native land this fall to establish Bible schools for the training of native Christian workers. It is of interest that Mr. Kang's Ph.D. dissertation is a translation into Korean of Creager and Allenman's *Beginner's Hebrew Grammar*. Inasmuch as no Hebrew grammar exists in Korean, Mr. Kang expects eventually to publish his work, which is a distinct contribution to knowledge.

"6. In Fine Arts, the University continues to offer instruction in music, speech, and art without additional cost above regular academic tuition. These classes attract hundreds of students each semester. The newest addition in the Fine Arts work is the offering of the B.A. degree in Cinema in connection with the University's program in film production, which furnishes a laboratory for this work unexcelled anywhere.

"7. The University has made significant achievement in the field of professional education. This past year some 400 students have been enrolled in teacher education programs leading to certification in 43 of the 48 states plus Hawaii and Alaska. Of this number, 125 are members of the graduating class. For the two years which our graduates have taken the Na-

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tional Teacher Examinations, 90 per cent have made grades of A and the remaining 10 per cent have made B's. From a reliable source we have received information that the average achieved by our graduates on the National Teacher Examinations exceeds that achieved by the select groups from well-known colleges and universities which were chosen for sampling and the establishment of norms.

"8. The School of Commerce continues to attract a considerable enrollment for the one-year business course as well as for the majors in office administration, business administration, and accounting.

"9. The School of Aeronautics is now in its fourth year and in addition to its general program is offering special training in missionary aviation.

"10. The University continues its use of the well-known Graduate Record Examination on which in many areas our students have achieved outstanding results.

"In conclusion, Mr. President, may I say that the cooperation of the faculty and students in the academic program of the University has been of high quality. We are thankful for the academic success of the University, remembering the words of the University hymn:

"Knowledge alone life's problems cannot meet;
"We learn to live while sitting at His feet.

"Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) "Theodore C. Mercer
"Registrar"

We ask all of our friends to pray for Bob Jones University, where the old-time religion is exalted, where educational standards are high, and where people actually learn to win souls.

Can We Believe

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God's promises were all true. I have the evidence of millions of lives transformed from sin to holiness of life. Do you wonder that I come to the Bible with an open heart to believe what I find? And when I find that the moral standards of the Bible are so pure that they condemn me, purer than any man finds anywhere else in literature (and I was a college teacher of English literature and I have long been an editor and a student in such matter), you must acknowledge the weight of the Bible's own testimony as to its origin. To ignore the mass of evidence which already gives the Bible a position of accredited witness is neither intelligent nor evidence of honesty of intention.

4. You would laugh off the examples of the scientific accuracy of the Bible as given in my pamphlet, *The Inspiration of the Bible and Its Scientific Accuracy*. I assure you, you would not do so if you studied the matter more. If you were familiar with the literature of Babylonians and others and of all ancient accounts of the origin and nature of this world, you would be profoundly impressed with the fact that Job 26:7

secure, whether he be aged or young. God just had one way of cleansing for every kind of leper. He must first be brought to the priest for diagnosis (Lev. 14:2). After this a sacrifice must be offered and the blood must be shed for the afflicted man (Lev. 14:5). Following this he must bathe himself in water (vs. 8). So it is today. You must come to Christ Jesus for the diagnosis; you must accept by faith His precious blood for cleansing; you must believe His Word implicitly, fully and completely.

(The above is one of thirty-three chapters in the book, *STRANGE SHORT STORIES BY THE DOCTOR*, 123 pages, paper bound, which may be purchased for 75c from *Sword of the Lord Publishers*, Wheaton, Illinois.)

says that God hangs the earth out in space on nothing. You would be greatly impressed with the testimony of Isaiah 40:22 as to the roundness of the earth. You would be impressed with the fact that though the Saviour stated that His coming would be as sudden as a flash of lightning, as sudden as "the twinkling of an eye," yet when He comes it would be nighttime at one place, morning another place, midday another place since the earth rotates on its axis. The rotation of the earth is here so clearly and so scientifically inferred that it seems to me honest and intelligent people must be impressed with it.

You are not impressed with the fact that in Leviticus 17:11 the Bible says that the life is in the blood. If you will study all that scientists up to two hundred years ago knew about the blood, then you will see how striking is this clear revelation which everybody now accepts at face value. And I assure you that these few illustrations I give are only slight tastes of the marvelous wealth of material proving the scientific accuracy of the Bible. If you are really interested in such a study I suggest that you get *The Deluge Story in Stone and After Their Kind*, both by Byron C. Nelson, published by Augsburg Press. I think the price is \$2.00 each. I assure you that they are a little heavy because they are so thoroughly documented, but if you are a real student and want to know the truth, you will find them fascinating, I am sure.

You say, "I would point out that these passages (cited in the pamphlet) could have made perfectly good sense to men of their own time without suggesting to them the special knowledges claimed." But to refute your rather thoughtless suggestion, there is the simple undeniable fact that all the men of their day familiar with these passages took them as divinely inspired. As far as we know there is no single exception of any so-called "higher criticism" of the Bible in ancient times. Some people disregarded it then as now; some were idolaters then as now. But those who studied the Bible, that is the law and the prophets of the Old Testament, believed them inspired. There were sinners among the Jews but not atheists nor infidels as far as we know. But if you could find someone who claimed that these books were not inspired and not true, then of course they would be people who did not believe that the earth was a round ball suspended in space, turning on its axis. And the only ones who could say that these revelations in the Old Testament did not indicate special knowledge would be those who deliberately chose to pervert them into a meaning not inherent in the passages.

I assure you that this position I have reached after the most cautious and careful checking of the facts in the case. And you will come to be as certain as I am of the inspiration and infallible authority of the Bible if you seek the truth as humbly and consistently as did I, willing to follow where it leads.

I thank you for your letter. I warn you that God does not reveal Himself to stubborn and perverse hearts but only to the humble and contrite who long to know

the truth that they may do it, to know God's Word that they may know God and Christ His Son, our Saviour. Do you measure up in the moral qualifications, the spiritual heart attitude of a man who really wants to know the truth in spiritual matters?

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice
The pamphlet, *The Verbal Inspiration of the Bible and Its Scientific Accuracy*, gives what the Bible claims for itself, and some of the scientific evidence that the Bible is all it claims to be, the infallibly correct revelation of God. There are 32 pages, the price 15c. Why not send \$1.00 for 7 copies, give them to high school and college students and others who have doubts and fears and need help on this question? The same material is also given in *Twelve Tremendous Themes* offered as letter month bargain. Address The Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.

The Editor's Notes

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Graham give the Commencement address. Later Beverly Shea sang at the dedication of the new Student Center. Then all of us had dinner on the campus. We turned down the wonderfully kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Edman in order to eat with the throngs who ate with graduates under the trees on Wheaton campus at noon Monday. Wheaton College is a great college. We thank God for its testimony.

MRS. GRACE MACMULLEN, THE editor's daughter, now takes over the difficult task of Circulation Manager for the Sword of the Lord. She has worked with us before her marriage and knows a great deal about the work, and it will be a wonderful joy for us to have her here to help. Allan MacMullen has taken over the Sword Book Room in Wheaton, and will bear heavy responsibilities with us in that important part of the work and in the founding of other Christian bookstores. This is a real ministry which can be used of God greatly in winning souls and bringing revival. Thank God for Allan and Grace.

BROTHER BILL AND I HAVE BEEN absorbed again and again through the day as heavy duties allowed and conversing far into the night, again and again during this past week, planning the work of the Sword of the Lord. We feel led of God and have some great plans for the Sword Staff of Evangelists. Other good men want to work with us on that Staff. We have planned about the Cumberland Ranch Bible conference grounds in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and of course we have talked about his recent tour and wonderful experiences.

DID YOU GET THE SWORD OF THE Lord catalog? This big 64-page book entitled *Pioneers in Revival Literature*, should be in your home and you should consult it regularly. Be sure to get a copy and have at hand this scriptural index of the greatest of Christian books, Bibles, Testaments, mottoes, gospel records, etc. We want to help you in this needed ministry. Be sure to use the catalog. Write for an extra copy for yourself or neighbors as needed.

What About Taking a Bath

(Continued from page 1)

thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God." The person who thus washed himself with alcohol and with soap indicated that he knew that he needed a bath. He must have been examining himself and found the soiled places which needed cleansing. He sought out the two cleansing agents, which he thought would be the best. He applied them to his own self. He sought by his own efforts to remove the dirt and stains from his skin. It was of no avail. Even though we may blot from our memory the sins of the past, still they remain inscribed on the records of Heaven. Only the living God can remove those incriminating reports and cleanse the page of its dark record of your sins.

A transforming bath changed completely the life of a great general. Naaman was the commander-in-chief of the armies of Syria. He was an honorable man, and a great man and had been used by the Lord to deliver Syria from her enemies. In spite of his wonderful position, power and noble character, he was a leper. Only God can cure leprosy. Leprosy is a type of sin. Leprosy mutilates the body and separates the leper from society. Sin does everything that leprosy did. Naaman went to Elisha, the prophet of Israel, for cleansing. The prophet's instructions were to bathe seven times in the river Jordan. This was to prove whether Naaman was a real believer. He dipped himself in the water seven times, as he was told, and received the gift of new life as he was promised. You will never come to Jesus Christ for cleansing unless you believe that He can do it, and that He will do it. Have you trusted Him and plunged into that fountain open for sin and uncleanness?

The great King David prayed once that he might have a bath that would bring peace to his heart and comfort to his soul. This prayer is recorded in Psalm 51:7: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." This was a personal prayer: he prayed about his own need. This was a specific prayer: he prayed for a definite blessing. This was a prayer of confidence: he knew that the kind of bath that God would give him would effectually cleanse him from his iniquity and sins. The Lord heard his petition,

washed his soul and sent him out into his daily life with a happy heart and a song of praise upon his lips. This bath which makes whiter than snow is available to all who will come to Jesus Christ and trust wholly to Him.

There was a special provision made in the Jewish tabernacle for bathing. Even though the worshiper had been to the brazen altar and saw there the sacrificial lamb dying for him and for his sins, still it was necessary that he should go from the altar to the laver for the bathing in its waters. Without the bath it was not possible for the worshiper to enter into the Holy Place. At the brazen altar his inner soul was cleansed, but at the brazen laver his outer soil was removed. This same procedure is true of the soul. The blood of Christ puts the sins away and washes the heart whiter than snow. The living water of the living Word cleanses the outward walk and way of the believer. The brazen altar is typical of Calvary. The laver is typical of the Word of God.

Paul has written in the book of Ephesians concerning Christ and the church, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it (the church) with the washing of the water by the word." As we learn from the Scriptures the things that are wrong in our lives we receive grace from God to remove them from our lives. Thus we become more and more like our Lord Jesus.

There is a consecration bath mentioned in Exodus 29:4. Here we find Aaron and his sons being bathed as they enter the priesthood. This was a public confession that they had washed out of their lives the ways of the world and the paths in which other men walked, that they might walk only with God and might serve Him only. They removed out of their lives, by this act of bathing, all selfish ambitions, all plans for personal advancement, all schemes for personal gains. These men were to be separated men. After this bath these men were to keep themselves unspotted from the world and occupied wholly with the Lord. The Lord enables each Christian to take the same path and to walk thus wholly separated to the Lord.

The law of Moses provided a special bath for every kind of leper, whether he be poor or rich, whether he be prominent or ob-

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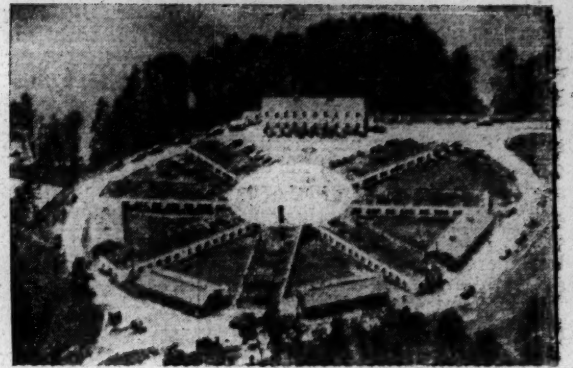
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Yours for revival in heart, home, community and nation!

John R. Rice
Director

Lake Louise
Toccoa, Georgia

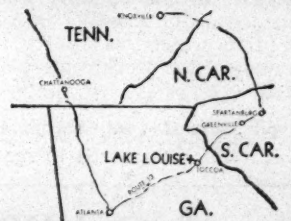
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Dr. Lee Roberson is pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, which has led all the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention for seven years in soul winning. The last church year 1,168 new converts were baptized. There is an average S.S. attendance of over 3,500. Dr. Roberson is also president of Tennessee Temple Schools and is one of the most dynamic preachers in America, with a life-transforming message.



Dr. John R. Rice, conference director, will speak daily to inspire and teach the Word of God. He is the spokesman for revival and soul winning in America, and will be on the grounds at every session. His heart-stirring, soul-winning messages will bless the hearts of the many who attend from all parts of America. Particularly helpful will be his personal

al counsel to young preachers and Christian workers.



Evang. Wm. H. Rice. Everybody likes this Texan! He is an extremely popular evangelist, having had many years of faithful evangelistic work, all over America. Mr. Rice is associate editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, director of the extension department of Sword Staff of Evangelists, and assistant director of the summer conferences sponsored by the Foundation. His four months' travels in Africa and the Holy Land will prove an added attraction to the conference this year. Hundreds of feet of film were shot—many unusual pictures—and these will be shown during the conference.



Dr. Fred Jarvis, B.D., A.M., Th.D., graduate of Chicago University, Northern Baptist Seminary, etc., after doing remarkable mass evangelism, winning thousands in China and then in Japan, now returns to the U.S. to promote this great soul-winning work. He is a young, vigorous, a proven soul winner; a scholarly, charming speaker widely used in Youth for Christ.

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Daily Program, Lake Louise, July 9-15

MONDAY, July 9, 6:45 P.M. to 7:45 P.M., JOHN R. RICE, "It is Easy to Win Souls"; 8:00 P.M., LEE ROBERSON.

TENNESSEE TEMPLE DAY, TUESDAY, July 10, 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M., BILL RICE; 9:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., JOHN R. RICE, "The Last Days in Bible Prophecy"; 10:45 A.M. to 12:00 N., LEE ROBERSON; 6:45 P.M. to 7:45 P.M., BILL RICE; 8:00 P.M. JOHN R. RICE, "What Sin Does to the Christian."

MISSIONARY DAY, WEDNESDAY, July 11, 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M., "Revivals in Africa," BILL RICE; 9:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., "Revivals in Japan and Formosa," FRED JARVIS; 10:45 A.M. to 12:00 N., JOHN R. RICE, "The Missionaries Call and Work"; 6:45 P.M. to 7:45 P.M., BILL RICE; 8:00 P.M., FRED JARVIS, "Missionary films."

THURSDAY, July 12, 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M., BILL RICE; 9:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., FRED JARVIS; 10:45 A.M. to 12:00 N., JOHN R. RICE, "How to Use the Bible in Soul-Winning"; 6:45 P.M. to 7:45 P.M., BILL RICE; 8:00 P.M., JOHN R. RICE, "Leaving All for Jesus."

BOB JONES DAY, FRIDAY, July 13, 9:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M., BILL RICE; 9:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., JOHN R. RICE, "Bible Questions Answered"; 10:45 A.M. to 12:00 N., BOB JONES, SR.; 6:45 P.M. to 7:45 P.M., JOHN R. RICE, "Prayers God Will Not Answer"; 8:00 P.M., BOB JONES, SR.

SATURDAY, July 14, 6:45 P.M. to 7:45 P.M., BILL RICE; 8:00 P.M., DR. LEE'S FILM, "Pay-Day—Someday."

SUNDAY, July 15, 10:45 A.M. to 12:00 N., JOHN R. RICE, "Big Prayers to An Almighty God"; 3:00 P.M., JOHN R. RICE, "Persistent Praying and Its Results"; 8:00 P.M., BILL RICE, "Sermon and African Films."

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on revival and soul winning, sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment, Aquilla, Texas (near Waco) August 5-10, and at Baptist State Assembly Grounds, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, August 12-17. Write Dr. John R. Rice, Director, Wheaton, Illinois, for descriptive folder, program and information.

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AN ALLEGORY

I was walking along the streets of Vanity Fair the other day and had my attention drawn to a huge edifice which was in the course of construction. Apparently there was a strike on, as something had happened greatly to hinder the work. On enquiring what was the trouble, I was told that there was a dispute among the workmen. The men were holding a meeting, and as anyone was admitted, I went inside out of curiosity.

Some had returned to their work, others were divided in opinion as to what was best to be done. It seemed that some were in fear that the building might fall, saying that some of the workmen were tampering with the foundations; the others were laughing them to scorn, vehemently asserting that their friends were but resetting the foundations: which, they said, had never been truly laid.

On further enquiry I found out that the building was called the CHURCH, and the workmen were divided into two camps which some called "Fundamentalists," "Modernists." The great fear of the former was that the latter would remove the foundations, and on examining the damage already done I was persuaded that there was much reason for alarm.

I found several of the huge foundation-stones partly out of place. Indeed, one on which I had deciphered the words:—

"The Virgin Birth"

was more or less broken, and almost entirely removed from its place: if moved a little more a great part of the building would be in jeopardy. Another had an inscription which was partly obliterated by the workmen's tools; it read—

"... spir . tion of . only Scrip . . re"

A third which appeared to me to

be the chief corner stone was being vigorously attacked with pick and crowbar; it bore the words—

"The Deity of Christ"

I drew the attention of some of those destructive workmen, many of whom appeared to be scholars, to a notice the builder had left nearby. It read:—

If the FOUNDATIONS Be Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?

But they scoffed at me, and muttered about "Progress" and "Modern Building Methods," and fell to with greater zeal than ever. I turned away sad in heart, feeling that this beautiful building was doomed.

But as I was about to step out into the street, a young man in shining garments touched me on the shoulder, and gave me a letter from the Builder of the edifice, bidding me read it. I broke the seal and read:

"NEVERTHELESS THE FOUNDATION OF GOD STAND-ETH SURE" and "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT."

Much comforted by these words I passed on.

WM C. IRVINE

(From *Heresies Exposed*, Compiled by Wm. C. Irvine, Printed by Loizeux Brothers.)

Sword "Prize" Letters

(Continued from page 5)

article, 'Getting the Soul Winner's Heart', has been the most helpful of them all. I believe that article was directly used of the Lord in winning a young man to Christ the day that issue came in the mail.

"As always, you emphasized in that article the necessity of warning the lost of their sure punishment in Hell. I had been careless in that respect in my witnessing and that afternoon asked God to forgive me and make me a better watchman. Several hours later I went to the garage to have my automobile repaired. There I met a young man to whom I had witnessed before. We sat in my car together, and I showed him from God's Word that he was going to Hell. The Holy Spirit took the message of punishment home to his heart, and the young man right there trusted Christ for salvation.

"I want to mention a similar experience of almost exactly three years ago when you preached at the Evangelistic Conference at Bob Jones University. You preached the closing service of the conference and spoke on what the Bible says about Hell. In a similar way God showed me I had not been faithful as a watchman. I drove my guests to Greenville, and on the way back picked up a hitchhiking soldier. I think I talked of nothing but Hell, and the way to escape because my heart was so full of the terrible truths I had just heard. Before we reached the University—you know it is only a short distance—he broke down in tears and trusted Christ.

"May God bless you and enable you and those who work with you. I am sure that I myself do not realize to what extent God has helped me through your personal ministry, your books, and THE SWORD OF THE LORD."—Robert S. Johnson, Seat Pleasant, Maryland

Reader in Wales Watches Post Box For Sword's Arrival

22 May, 1951.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"As I do not know the Christian friend who so kindly subscribes for this wonderful publication, I would be most grateful if you would kindly convey my sincere gratitude and appreciation of this 'labour of love.'

"I have never hitherto seen such a weekly publication. I know

of nothing to equal it, and it is so sound in the fundamentals. It is a rare treat to have such spiritual food these days.

"It has been a means of much blessing to me and to those with whom I have shared it—but I always take care to get the copies back so that I can use them again in the service of the Lord. I know that one backslider has been restored and revived as a result of its reading . . .

"May God richly bless you in this grand work; and may your publication never be watered down to suit those who do not care for the whole solemn truth as given by you.

"I am making arrangements to have my copies put into the reading room of one of our Sailors, Institutes, and I hope thereby that some may be led to the Light.

"You are well blessed in America to have such wonderful evangelists and teachers untainted by modernism. Your Christian publications are unexcelled; and I almost feel envious of you who can enjoy these 'wines off the lees.'

"Once again I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your Christian love and kindness in providing me with this excellent spiritual fare. You would be amused if you saw the way I look into the post box each morning to see if THE SWORD OF THE LORD has arrived. Of course, shipping is rather irregular so that they do not arrive on the same day always, but thank God, I am getting them safely and greatly enjoying them. The only thing I find is that when one arrives in the morning I want to read and read, instead of proceeding with my work.

"His Word shall not return to Him void" so you can rest assured that THE SWORD OF THE LORD is not going out in vain."—I. J. Price, Barry Dock, Glam, Wales

Wife of Church Superintendent Writes

June 3, 1951

"Dear Friends:

"My husband is superintendent over the churches of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada for the Eastern Ontario District. On one of his travels last winter, one of our pastors gave him a bundle of your papers. In the month of March I was sick for a few days with the flu and had some extra

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Inquirers please tell age, training, experience, Christian testimony and church. Write Dr. John R. Rice, President, Sword of the Lord Foundation, Wheaton, Illinois.

Comment on

POWER OF PENTECOST OR FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT

by Andrew Telford, Berachah Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

One of the tremendous lacks of the church of Christ today is the power of the fullness of the Spirit of God. Dr. Rice has most ably shown in this book the great need of a Christian being Spirit-filled in order to effectively meet the claims of Christ upon them and the demand of a needy world. No child of God can read this book carefully without becoming deeply conscious of the sin of lacking spiritual power; because of the lacking of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. He clearly sets forth the fact that the church today needs a new experience of the power of the Holy Ghost and that dry, cold orthodoxy does not produce spiritual results. The chapters on speaking with tongues are written well and would be most enlightening and helpful to young Christians. It is a subject that is much misunderstood today.

This book reveals to the reader the barrenness and shallowness of a Christian life that is not Spirit-filled. It also gives to us a clear understanding of the importance and purpose of the Holy Spirit's fullness in relationship to the matter of revival and soul winning.

Not every one will agree with Dr. Rice in his teaching regarding the church, which is the body of Christ, spoken of in Ephesians 1:20, not beginning at Pentecost, but every Bible-loving Christian must believe that the Holy Spirit, whose presence and power was so manifest at Pentecost in the lives of obedient believers, is to be our enablement for every phase of ministry in the Lord's work. For this proof Dr. Rice stands four square.

The reading of this book will put you on your knees before God to seek His face and fullness for a soul-winning ministry that will be God-glorifying and a real blessing to lost and dying men. (*Power of Pentecost* by John R. Rice, 441 pages, price \$3.00. Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Ill.).

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How Christ Saves

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"believe" is the key word. More than ninety times this word, in one form or another, "believe," "believing," "believeth," "believest," "believed," occurs in this wonderful gospel. This is the key word. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him"—that is to say, the way to be born from above, man's side of it, is to believe. The birth from above is God's side. He reaches down and lifts you up into that new life when you believe.

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When the late Dr. John G. Paton was a missionary in the New Hebrides, he wanted to

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If it were possible for a Christian to experience the eradication of his carnal nature or his "old man" as it is called in the Ephesian and Colossian letters, then he would live on in this body of weakness. It is the presence of sin in us which ultimately brings about physical death. "And if Christ be in you, the body is dead [must die] because of sin [the carnal nature]! but the spirit is life because of righteousness" (Rom. 8:10). It is indeed the will of God that there shall be an increasing sanctification by a growing conformity to the image of Christ who wishes us to be in the presence of men what we are in the presence of God.

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A Completion

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allow the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to do in us what God wills. And we are yet to be sanctified. This is sanctification—the third time. And study of the subject of sanctification is inadequate if this phase of it is omitted.

The future is not uncertain for the child of God. Our Lord Jesus said to His disciples, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3). We cannot be with Him "also" without this final act of sanctification. Every one of us must be saved from the presence of indwelling sin. There is no place for the "old man" in Heaven. He must be gotten rid of if we are to have our resurrection bodies and experience the full bliss of Heaven.

In his epistle the Apostle John brings forth this truth beautifully. He wrote, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God [and such we are, R. V.]; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:1-2). "That which is in part shall be done away" and perfection shall be our portion. May God hasten the day when together we shall experience a complete sanctification.

Sanctification is indeed a crisis to the end that every one might follow a course in sanctification which will emanate unto complete sanctification. Sanctified three times—praise His Name!

How Christ Saves Sinners

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upon." And Dr. Paton said, "I have my word." He translated the Gospel of John, and every time he needed a word for "believe," he put in the word which meant, "I am resting my whole weight upon."

Let us try it and see how it works. John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever resteth his whole weight upon him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." Is that it? Yes, that is it! John 1:12—"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that rest their whole weight upon him." Is that it? Yes, that is it! "What must I do to be saved?" "Rest your whole weight upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Is that it? Yes, that is it.

To believe means to receive Him, to take Him, for the word "receive" is an active word. It doesn't mean to take a Bible as a pulpit would take it. The pulpit has no will in the matter at all. Someone has to place the Bible on the pulpit. But it means to take a Bible as the pastor would take it. He receives it. He puts out his hand and takes it, and there is a definite choice back of it. To believe means the committal of the life, as well as the acceptance of a Person. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." That is what brings the birth to the individual, the boy or the girl, the young man or the young woman, the old man or the old woman. By taking Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and wholly relying upon Him, any sinner is born from above.

His Daughter Was Saved

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"Well," he said, "go on; tell me what happened."

"Why," she said, "I received Him as my Saviour and Jesus took me in."

"Well, Helen," he said, "that is all very interesting, but how do you know that when you received Jesus as your Saviour, that He took you in?"

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